

Senate, March 18, 1998. The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN, 23rd DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING MINORS TO TRAIN IN PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 12-576 of the general statutes is
2 amended by adding subsection (f) as follows:

3 (NEW) (f) Nothing in this section shall be
4 construed to prohibit any minor from entering into
5 any room, office, building or establishment where
6 any betting under a pari-mutuel system, so called,
7 is permitted, for employment training purposes
8 when an event conducted under such system is not
9 taking place.

10 PS COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 14 NAY 8 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SB 445

STATE IMPACT None, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Division of Special Revenue

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

The Division of Special Revenue (DSR) has indicated that DSR staffing levels at pari-mutuel facilities will not be increased as a result of the bill.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 445

AN ACT ALLOWING MINORS TO TRAIN IN PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES

SUMMARY: This bill allows minors to enter any place where parimutuel betting is allowed to get job training when no parimutuel betting event is taking place. By law, minors are not allowed in any part of a racing, jai alai, or off-track betting (OTB) establishment when any betting or gaming event is taking place. But they may enter an establishment's parking lot to attend events that do not involve gaming. And the Division of Special Revenue's executive director may, with written approval of a parent or legal guardian, issue to a minor age 16 or older, an occupational license for certain jobs at the facilities (e.g. jai alai player).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

BACKGROUND**PariMutuel Facilities**

The state has three parimutuel facilities--a jai alai fronton in Milford and dog tracks in Bridgeport (Shoreline Star) and Plainfield. In addition, parimutuel betting is conducted at 14 OTB facilities, including two teletheaters at New Haven and Windsor Locks.

Violations

Anyone who allows a minor in a gaming establishment in violation of the law may be fined up to \$25. Minors age 16 or older may also be fined up to \$25 for being at a facility. And a jai alai or racing licensee is subject to a fine of up to \$50 if a minor is found at a racing or jai alai facility in violation of the law.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 14 Nay 8